

The poor Greek complained to the Quazi against this cruel treatment. The Sultan was duly summoned and had to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Greek in the presence of the Quazi who heard both sides and finding the Sultan guilty inflicted on him a fine equivalent to what the Greek used to earn with his hands, the money to be paid monthly as long as the Greek lived, from the Sultan's private income and not from the public treasury.

The Greek was satisfied and the people saw for the first time in their history what true justice means.

STORY 83.

HOW THE ISLAMIC CHIVALRY OF SILAH-UL-DIN SPARED THE CHRISTIAN CAPTIVES.

JERUSALEM had been in the undisputed possession of the Muslims ever since its conquest in the time of (Hazrat) Omar. But in the eleventh century Christians hordes under Godfray of Bologue, captured it and put to the sword every Muslim they could lay their hands on, irrespective of age or sex. It is written by Christian historians that seventy thousand Muslims including old men, women and Ulema who had taken refuge in the Mosque of (Hazrat) Omar were butchered in cold blood in that sacred building.

Jerusalem remained in the possession of the Christians for about a hundred years when in 1187 it again passed into the hands of the Muslims under the renowned Silah-ul-Din. Silah-ul-Din remembered the savage treatment which the Muslims had received at the hands of the Christians one hundred years earlier, how they had insulted women, dashed out the brains of little children, and killed men by hurling them down from the towers of the fortress. He remembered all this, and he had taken a solemn oath that he would retaliate, and do to the Christians what their forefathers had done to the Muslims. The conquered Christians too fully realised what they should expect at the hands of their conqueror.